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REF: A) KIGALI 1081 AND B) KIGALI 1020

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. COUSIN OF THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTOR OF  
CABINET AND PL (MUGENZI) DEPUTY DESIGNATE OF BYUMBA

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ARE KILLED IN THE DMZ BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS. RPF SOLDIER INVOLVED IN GRENADE INCIDENT IN THE DMZ, KILLING ONE PERSON. ANOTHER CAR WITH BURUNDI PLATES, CARRYING GRENADES AND RIFLES, IS IN AN ACCIDENT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KIGALI. END SUMMARY.

3. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14 AT 17:40 P.M. UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS SHOT AND KILLED NATHANAEI NYILINKWAYA, THE COUSIN OF THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTOR OF CABINET, ENOCH RUHIGIRA. AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING, NYILINKWAYA, ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF ASSOPHE, WAS IN HIS CAR IN THE DMZ A FEW KILOMETERS FROM CYAHOHA - THE SITE OF THE AMERICAN OWNED TEA COMPANY, SORWATHE. ALSO KILLED IN THE VEHICLE WERE EMILE SAFARI, THE PL DEPUTY DESIGNATE FOR BYUMBA (A MUGENZI SUPPORTER AND SECRETARY OF ASSOPHE), THE DIRECTOR'S WIFE, AND TWO OTHER PERSONS.

4. THE GHANAIAN UNAMIR OBSERVER COMPANY STAYING AT CYAHOHA HEARD THE SHOTS AND INVESTIGATED IMMEDIATELY BUT DID NOT REPORT THE INCIDENT TO FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING. AREA RESIDENTS CLAIM THE RPF

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IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLINGS; RTLM RADIO DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT AS AN RPF ATTACK. SORWATHE MANAGER, NORMAN RIDPATH, ALSO POSTULATED THAT THE ATTACK COULD HAVE BEEN A ROBBERY ATTEMPT TO GET THE KEY TO THE ASSOPHE DIRECTOR'S SAFE. ASSOPHE'S PAYROLL HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE NEAR CYAHOHA THE DAY BEFORE.

5. AREA RESIDENTS TOLD SORWATHE GENERAL MANAGER RIDPATH THAT THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH THE HEIGHTENED ACTIVITY OF THE RPF IN THE AREA. RIDPATH TOLD ECONOFF ABOUT THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT IN WHICH AN RPF OFFICER WAS SENT TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS THAT ONE OF THEIR SOLDIERS, IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD DROPPED A GRENADE IN A LOCAL BAR NEAR CYAHOHA AND KILLED ONE PERSON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5. NORMAN RIDPATH SAID AREA RESIDENTS WERE CONCERNED THAT THIS SOLDIER WAS STILL ROAMING THE AREA.

6. IN LIGHT OF RECENT INCIDENTS, MR. RIDPATH

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DISCUSSED SECURITY FOR SORWATHE WITH UNAMIR OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH MR RIDPATH DECIDED TO CONTINUE SORWATHE'S OPERATIONS XOE TIME BEING, HE WILL USE UN ESCORTS WHEN POSSIBLE FOR COMING FROM AND GOING TO THE TEA FACTORY. HE TOLD ECONOFF THAT IF SORWATHE CLOSED DOWN TEMPORARILY, THERE WOULD BE GREAT ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FOR AREA TEA GROWERS. CLOSING SORWATHE MAY ALSO SERVE FOR AREA RESIDENTS AS A SIGN TO LEAVE THE AREA, FEARING SORWATHE HAS INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE VIOLENCE.

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7. IN AN UNRELATED INCIDENT NEAR KABUGA, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KIGALI, ANOTHER VEHICLE WITH OFFICIAL BURUNDI PLATES WAS IN AN ACCIDENT MORNING OF MARCH 16. THE CAR WAS CARRYING GRENADES AND RIFLES. THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE IS CURRENTLY BEING QUESTIONED BY THE GENDARMES IN REMERA.

8. COMMENT. WITH THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT, MRND AND PL/MUGENZI JOIN THE RANKS OF PSD, CDR, MDR/DISMAS, AND THE RPF - ALL TOUCHED BY ATTACKS OR SENSELESS

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KILLINGS DURING THS PROLONGED RUN UP TO INSTALLING  
TRANSITION INSTITUTIONS. WITH THE ENTIRE GAMUT OF  
PARTIES AFFECTED, IT APPEARS DETERMINED PERSONS ON  
MORE THAN ONE SIDE MAY BE TRYING TO THWART  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORD. END COMMENT.  
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